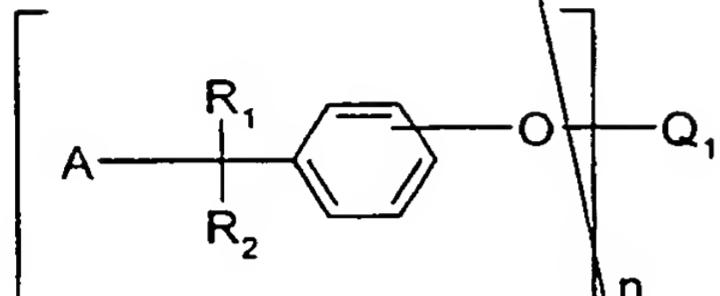
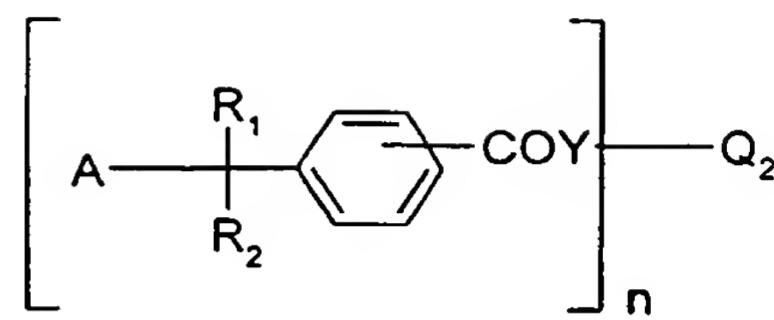


Claims

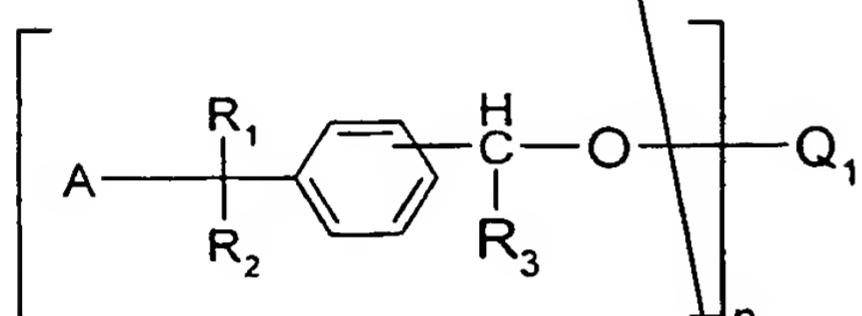
1. A compound of formula (I) (II) or (III)



(I)



(II)



(III)

wherein

R_1 and R_2 are independently of each other hydrogen, C_1-C_{18} alkyl, C_3-C_{18} alkenyl, C_3-C_{18} alkinyl or phenyl which are unsubstituted or substituted by NO_2 , halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, carboxy, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, C_1-C_4 alkylthio, C_1-C_4 alkylamino or di(C_1-C_4 alkyl)amino;

A is a group capable of forming a stable free nitroxyl radical $A\bullet$, which is bound via its oxygen atom to the carbon atom;

Y is O , NR_3 or CHR_3-X_a , wherein X_a is O , S or NR_3 ;

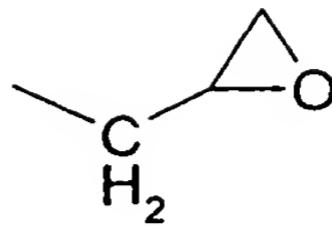
R_3 is hydrogen, C_1-C_{18} alkyl, C_3-C_{18} alkenyl, C_3-C_{18} alkinyl or phenyl which are unsubstituted or substituted by NO_2 , halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, carboxy, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, C_1-C_4 alkylthio, C_1-C_4 alkylamino or di(C_1-C_4 alkyl)amino;

Q_1 is an organic or inorganic radical, derived from a compound having at least one functional group being capable of reacting with a hydroxy group;

Q_2 is an organic radical derived from a mono or polyfunctional alcohol, mono or polyfunctional aminoalcohol, mono or polyfunctional amine mono or polyfunctional mercaptane, mono or polyfunctional phenol or mono or polyfunctional thiophenol; and

n is a number from 1 to 20;

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 with the proviso, that in formula (I) if n is 1, Q₁ is not



, or if n is 2, R₁ is H

and R₂ is -CH₂-O-tert.butyl, A is not 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine or 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine-4-carboxylic acid.

Sub A1
 2. A compound of formula (I) or (III), wherein Q₁ is derived from an unsubstituted or substituted triazine, from a mono or multifunctional alkylating agent, from a mono or polycarboxylic acid or acid derivative, from a mono or polyepoxide, from a mono or polyisocyanate or from POCl₃, SO₂Cl₂, BCl₃ or SiCl₄.

3. A compound of formula (I), (II) or (III) according to claim 1, wherein R₁ and R₂ are independently of each other hydrogen, C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₃-C₁₂alkenyl or phenyl.

4. A compound of formula (II) according to claim 1, wherein Y is O or NR₃.

5. A compound of formula (I), (II) or (III) according to claim 1, wherein n is a number from 2-10.

6. A compound of formula (I) or (III) according to claim 1, wherein Q₁ is an organic radical derived from an unsubstituted or substituted triazine, from a mono or polycarboxylic acid or acid derivative, from a mono or multifunctional alkylating agent or from a mono or polyisocyanate.

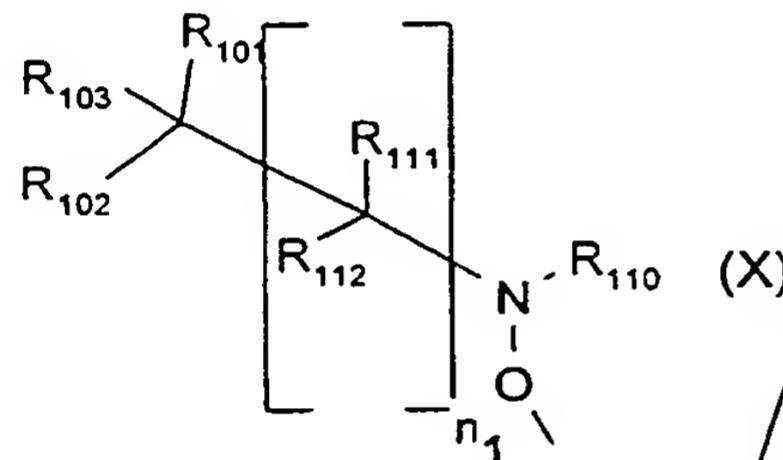
7. A compound of formula (I) or (III) according to claim 6, wherein Q₁ is an organic radical derived from an unsubstituted or substituted triazine, from a polycarboxylic acid or polycarboxylic acid derivative, having 2-6 carboxylgroups, from a multifunctional alkylating agent having 2-6 functional groups or from a polyisocyanate, having 2-6 isocyanate groups.

8. A compound of formula (II) according to claim 1, wherein Q₂ is an organic radical derived from a polyfunctional alcohol, a polyfunctional aminoalcohol or a polyfunctional amine.

9. A compound of formula (II) according to claim 8, wherein
 Q₂ is a radical derived from a polyalcohol having 2-6 hydroxy groups, a polyaminoalcohol having 2-6 amino and/or hydroxy groups, or a polyamine having 2-6 amine groups.

10. A compound of formula (I), (II) or (III) according to claim 1, wherein the radical A• derived from the group A is a stable open chain nitroxyl radical or a cyclic nitroxyl radical.

11. A compound of formula (I), (II) or (III) according to claim 1, wherein
 A is a group of formula (X)



wherein n₁ is 0 or 1

R₁₀₁, R₁₀₂, R₁₀₃ are each independently of one another hydrogen, halogen, NO₂, cyano, -CONR₁₀₅R₁₀₆, -(R₁₀₉)COOR₁₀₄, -C(O)-R₁₀₇, -OR₁₀₈, -SR₁₀₈, -NHR₁₀₈, -N(R₁₀₈)₂, carbamoyl, di(C₁-C₁₈alkyl)carbamoyl, -C(=NR₁₀₅)(NHR₁₀₆);
 unsubstituted C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkenyl, C₂-C₁₈alkynyl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl or C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl containing at least one nitrogen or oxygen atom; or
 C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkenyl, C₂-C₁₈alkynyl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl or C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl containing at least one nitrogen or oxygen atom, which are substituted by NO₂, halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, carboxy, C₁-C₄alkoxy, C₁-C₄alkylthio, C₁-C₄alkylamino or di(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino; or
 phenyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted by C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, C₁-C₄alkylthio, halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, C₁-C₄alkylamino or di(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino;
 or R₁₀₂ and R₁₀₃, together with the linking carbon atom, form a C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl radical, a (C₄-C₁₂cycloalkanone)-yl radical or a C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl radical containing at least one O atom and/or a NR₁₀₈ group; or if n₁ is 1



~~R₁₀₄ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, phenyl, an alkali metal cation or a tetraalkylammonium cation; R₁₀₅ and R₁₀₆ are hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkyl which is substituted by at least one hydroxy group or, taken together, form a C₂-C₁₂alkylene bridge or a C₂-C₁₂-alkylene bridge interrupted by at least one O or/and NR₁₀₈ atom;~~

~~R₁₀₇ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl or phenyl;~~

~~R₁₀₈ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl or C₂-C₁₈alkyl which is substituted by at least one hydroxy group;~~

~~R₁₀₉ is C₁-C₁₂alkylen or a direct bond;~~

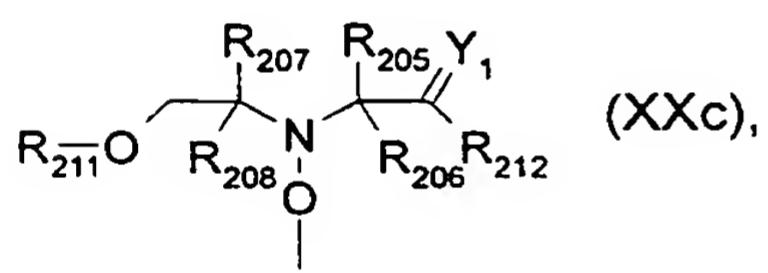
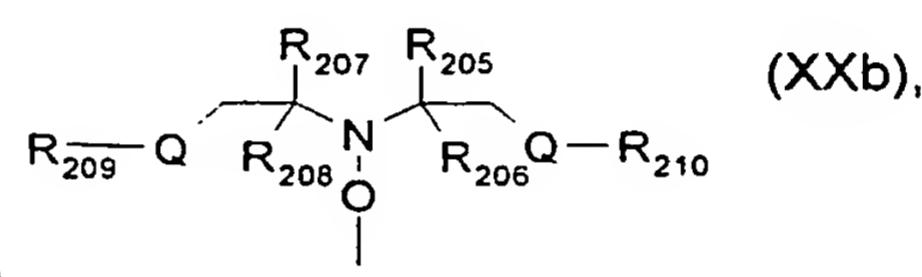
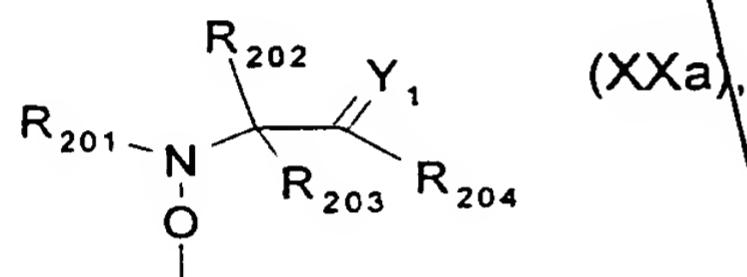
~~R₁₁₀ is C₄-C₁₈alkyl bound via a tertiary C-atom to the nitrogen atom, C₉-C₁₁phenylalkyl, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl or C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl containing at least one nitrogen or oxygen atom; or C₄-C₁₈alkyl bound via a tertiary C-atom to the nitrogen atom, C₉-C₁₁phenylalkyl, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl or C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl containing at least one nitrogen or oxygen atom, which are substituted by NO₂, halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, carboxy, C₁-C₄alkoxy, C₁-C₄alkylthio, C₁-C₄alkylamino or di(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino; or phenyl, naphthyl, which are unsubstituted or substituted by C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, C₁-C₄alkylthio, halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, C₁-C₄alkylamino or di(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino; if n₁ is 1~~

~~R₁₁₁ is C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl or C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl containing at least one nitrogen or oxygen atom; or C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl or C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl containing at least one nitrogen or oxygen atom, which are substituted by NO₂, halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, carboxy, C₁-C₄alkoxy, C₁-C₄alkylthio, C₁-C₄alkylamino or di(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino; or phenyl, naphthyl, which are unsubstituted or substituted by C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, C₁-C₄alkylthio, halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, C₁-C₄alkylamino or di(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino; or a polycyclic cycloaliphatic ring system or a polycyclic cycloaliphatic ring system with at least one di- or trivalent nitrogen atom; or~~

~~R₁₁₀ and R₁₁₁ together form a C₂-C₁₂alkylene bridge, a C₃-C₁₂alkylen-on bridge or a C₂-C₁₂alkylene bridge which is interrupted by at least one O or N atom, which bridges are unsubstituted or substituted with C₁-C₁₈alkyl, hydroxy(C₁-C₄)alkyl, phenyl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, NO₂, halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, carboxy, C₁-C₄alkoxy, C₁-C₄alkylthio, C₁-C₄alkylamino or di(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino,~~

*R*₁₁₂ is hydrogen, -(*R*₁₀₉)COOR₁₀₄, cyano, -OR₁₀₈, -SR₁₀₈, -NHR₁₀₈, -N(*R*₁₀₈)₂, -NH-C(O)-R₁₀₈, unsubstituted C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkenyl, C₂-C₁₈alkynyl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl or C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl containing at least one nitrogen or oxygen atom; or C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkenyl, C₂-C₁₈alkynyl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl or C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl containing at least one nitrogen or oxygen atom, which are substituted by NO₂, halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, carboxy, C₁-C₄alkoxy, C₁-C₄alkylthio, C₁-C₄alkylamino or di(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino; or phenyl, naphthyl, which are unsubstituted or substituted by C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, C₁-C₄alkylthio, halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, C₁-C₄alkylamino, di(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino; or *R*₁₁₁ and *R*₁₁₂ together with the linking carbon atom form a C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl radical;

or *A* is a group of formula XXa, XXb or XXc



wherein

*Y*₁ is O or CH₂;

Q is O or NR₂₂₀, wherein *R*₂₂₀ is hydrogen or C₁-C₁₈alkyl;

*R*₂₀₁ is tertiary C₄-C₁₈alkyl or phenyl, which are unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, OH, COOR₂₂₁ or C(O)-R₂₂₂ wherein *R*₂₂₁ is hydrogen, a alkali metal atom or C₁-C₁₈alkyl and *R*₂₂₂ is C₁-C₁₈alkyl; or

*R*₂₀₁ is C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl which is interrupted by at least one O or N atom, a polycyclic alkyl radical or a polycyclic alkyl radical which is interrupted by at least one O or N atom;

*R*₂₀₂ and *R*₂₀₃ are independently C₁-C₁₈alkyl, benzyl, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl or phenyl, which are unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, OH, COOR₂₂₁ or C(O)-R₂₂₂ or together with the carbon atom form a C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl ring;

if *Y*₁ is O,

~~R₂₀₄ and R₂₁₂ are OH, O(alkali-metal) C₁-C₁₈alkoxy, benzyloxy, NR₂₂₃R₂₂₄, wherein R₂₂₃ and R₂₂₄ are independently from each other hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl or phenyl, which are unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, OH, COOR₂₂₁ or C(O)-R₂₂₂;~~

~~if Y₁ is CH₂,~~

~~R₂₀₄ is OH, C₁-C₁₈alkoxy, benzyloxy, O-C(O)-(C₁-C₁₈)alkyl or NR₂₂₃R₂₂₄;~~

~~R₂₁₂ are a group C(O)R₂₂₅, wherein R₂₂₅ is OH, C₁-C₁₈alkoxy, benzyloxy, NR₂₂₃R₂₂₄, wherein R₂₂₃ and R₂₂₄ are independently from each other hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl or phenyl, which are unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, OH, COOR₂₂₁ or C(O)-R₂₂₂;~~

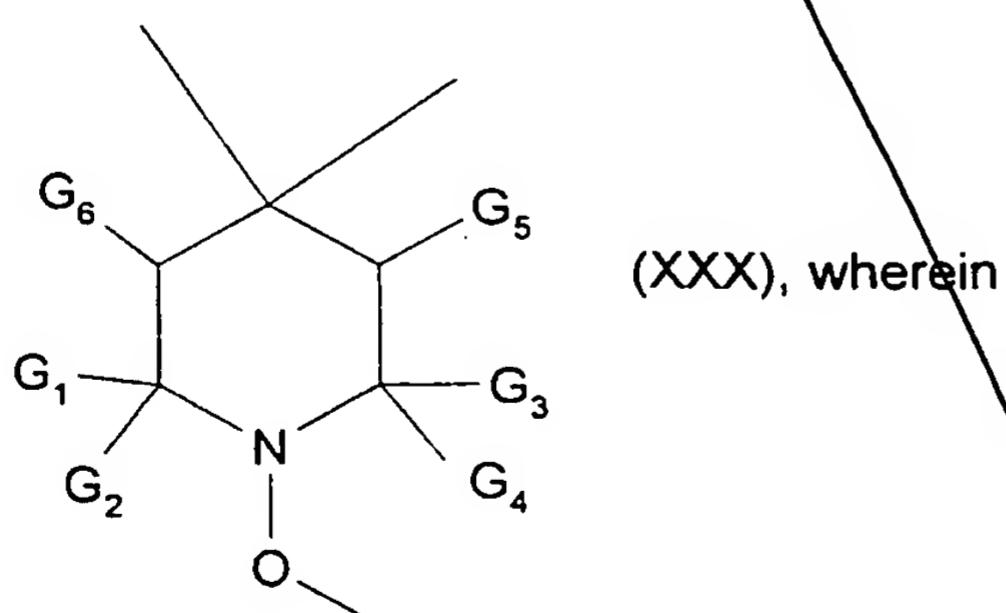
~~R₂₀₅, R₂₀₆, R₂₀₇ and R₂₀₈ are independently of each other C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl or phenyl; or~~

~~R₂₀₅ and R₂₀₆ and/or R₂₀₇ and R₂₀₈ together with the carbon atom form a C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl ring;~~

~~R₂₀₉ and R₂₁₀ are independently of each other hydrogen, formyl, C₂-C₁₈alkylcarbonyl, benzoyl, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl which is interrupted by at least one O or N atom, benzyl or phenyl which are unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, OH, COOR₂₂₁ or C(O)-R₂₂₂;~~

~~R₂₁₁, is formyl, C₂-C₁₈alkylcarbonyl, benzoyl, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl which is interrupted by at least one O or N atom, benzyl or phenyl which are unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, OH, COOR₂₂₁ or C(O)-R₂₂₂.~~

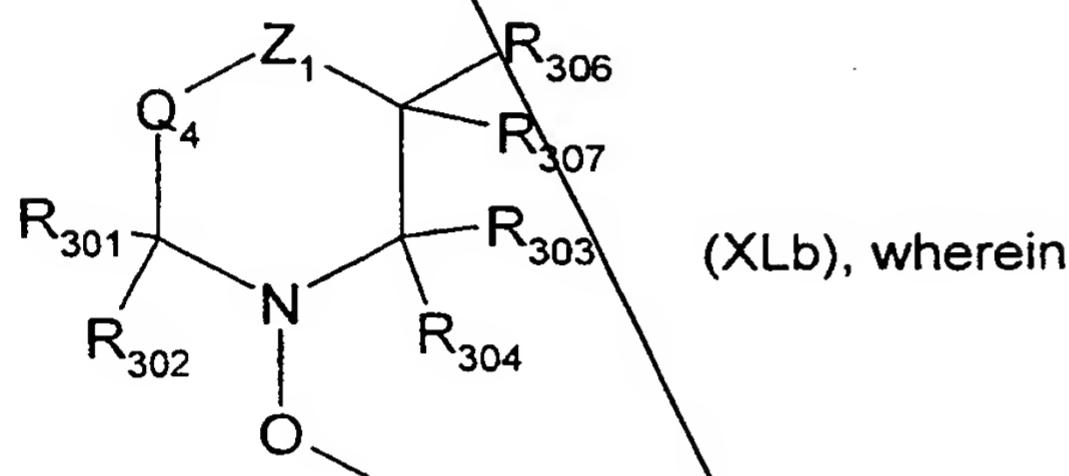
or A is a group containing a structural element of formula (XXX)



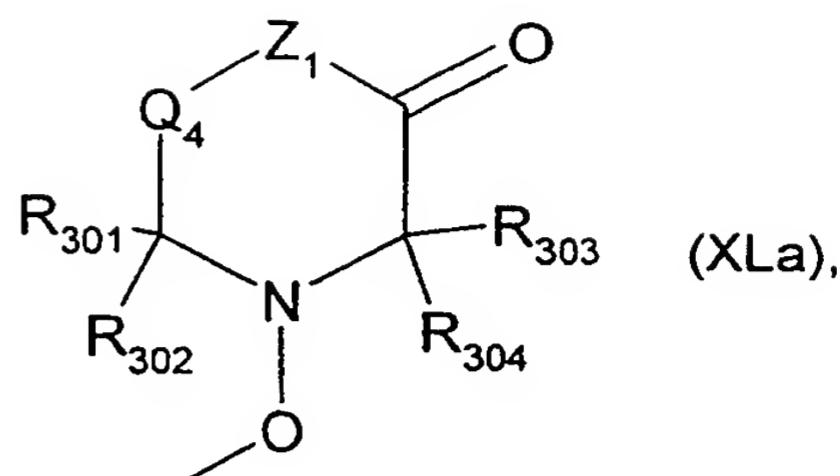
G₁, G₂, G₃, G₄ are independently C₁-C₆alkyl or G₁ and G₂ or G₃ and G₄, or G₁ and G₂ and G₃ and G₄ together form a C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl group;

G₅, G₆ independently are H, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, phenyl, naphthyl or a group COOC₁-C₁₈alkyl;

or A is a group of formula (XLa) or (XLb)



(XLb), wherein



R₃₀₁, R₃₀₂, R₃₀₃ and R₃₀₄ independently of each other are C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₃-C₁₈alkenyl, C₃-C₁₈alkinyl, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₃-C₁₈alkenyl, C₃-C₁₈alkinyl which are substituted by OH, halogen or a group -O-C(O)-R₃₀₅, C₂-C₁₈alkyl which is interrupted by at least one O atom and/or NR₃₀₈ group, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl or C₆-C₁₀aryl or R₃₀₁ and R₃₀₂ and/or R₃₀₃ and R₃₀₄ together with the linking carbon atom form a C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl radical;

R₃₀₅, R₃₀₆ and R₃₀₇ independently are hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl or C₆-C₁₀aryl;

Z₁ is O or NR₃₀₈;

R₃₀₈ is hydrogen, OH, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₃-C₁₈alkenyl, C₃-C₁₈alkinyl, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₃-C₁₈alkenyl, C₃-C₁₈alkinyl which are substituted by one or more OH, halogen or a group -O-C(O)-R₃₀₅, C₂-C₁₈alkyl which is interrupted by at least one O atom and/or NR₃₀₈ group, C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl or C₆-C₁₀aryl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, C₅-C₁₀heteroaryl, -C(O)-C₁-C₁₈alkyl, -O-C₁-C₁₈alkyl or -COOC₁-C₁₈alkyl;

Q₄ is a direct bond or a divalent radical CR₃₀₉R₃₁₀, CR₃₀₉R₃₁₀-CR₃₁₁R₃₁₂,

CR₃₀₉R₃₁₀CR₃₁₁R₃₁₂CR₃₁₃R₃₁₄, C(O) or CR₃₀₉R₃₁₀C(O), wherein R₃₀₉, R₃₁₀, R₃₁₁, R₃₁₂, R₃₁₃ and R₃₁₄ are independently hydrogen, phenyl or C₁-C₁₈alkyl.

12. A compound of formula (I) or (II) according to claim 11, wherein A is a group of formula (X)

n₁ is 1

R₁₀₁ is cyano;

R₁₀₂ and *R₁₀₃* are each independently of one another unsubstituted C₁-C₁₂alkyl or phenyl; or *R₁₀₂* and *R₁₀₃*, together with the linking carbon atom, form a C₅-C₇ cycloalkyl radical;

R₁₁₀ is C₄-C₁₂alkyl bound via a tertiary C-atom to the nitrogen atom, C₉-C₁₁phenylalkyl or phenyl;

R₁₁ is C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl or C₃-C₁₂cycloalkyl; or

R₁₁₀ and *R₁₁₁* together form a C₂-C₆alkylene bridge which is unsubstituted or substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl; and

R₁₁₂ is C₁-C₄alkyl;

or wherein A is a group of formula (XXa)

R₂₀₁ is tertiary C₄-C₈alkyl;

R₂₀₂ and *R₂₀₃* are methyl, ethyl or together with the carbon atom form a C₅-C₆cycloalkyl ring;

R₂₀₄ is C₁-C₁₈alkoxy, benzyloxy or NR₂₂₃R₂₂₄, wherein R₂₂₃ and R₂₂₄ are independently of each other hydrogen or C₁-C₈alkyl;

or wherein A is a group of formula (XXb), wherein Q is O;

R₂₀₅, *R₂₀₆*, *R₂₀₇* and *R₂₀₈* are independently of each other methyl or ethyl; or

R₂₀₅ and *R₂₀₆* and/or *R₂₀₇* and *R₂₀₈* together with the carbon atom form a C₅-C₆cycloalkyl ring;

R₂₀₉ and *R₂₁₀* are independently of each other formyl, C₂-C₈alkylcarbonyl, benzoyl, C₁-C₈alkyl, benzyl or phenyl;

or wherein A is a group of formula (XXc), wherein Y₁ is O;

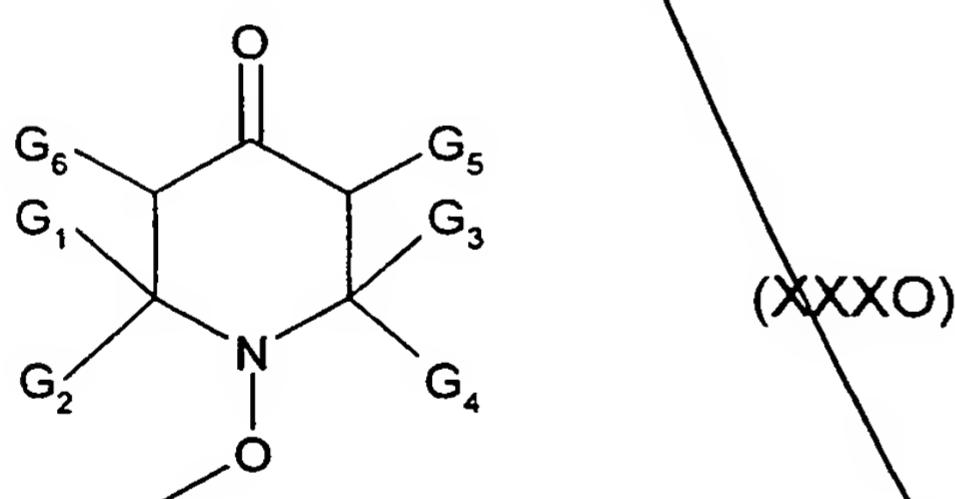
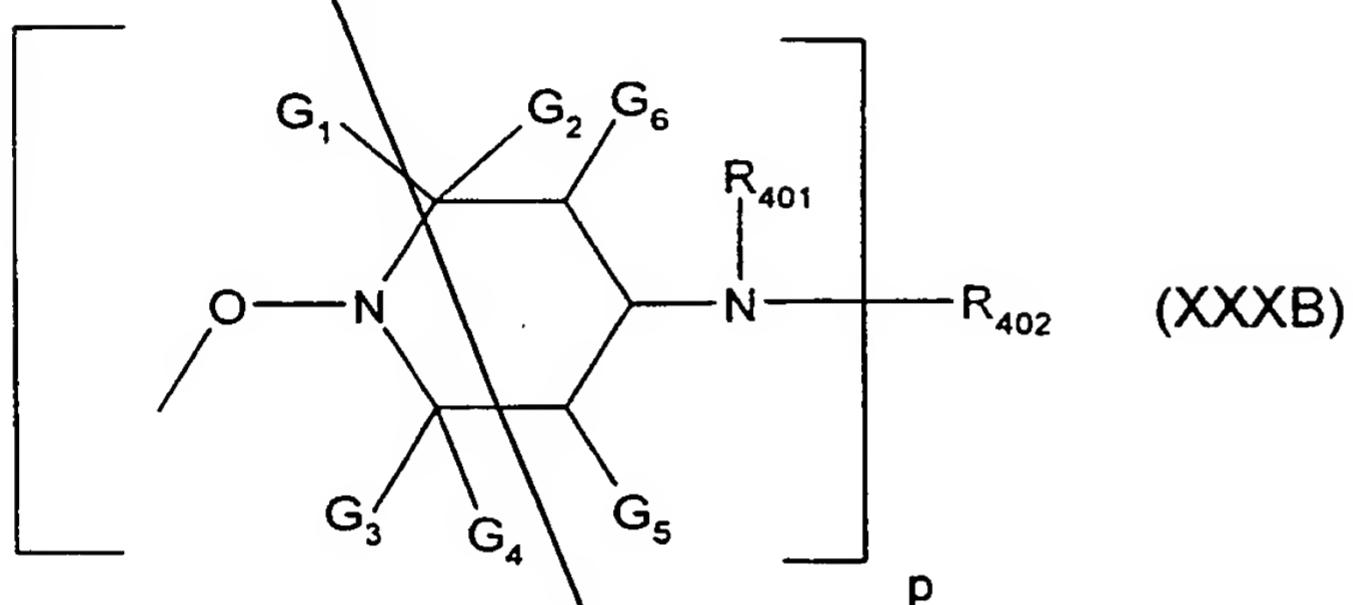
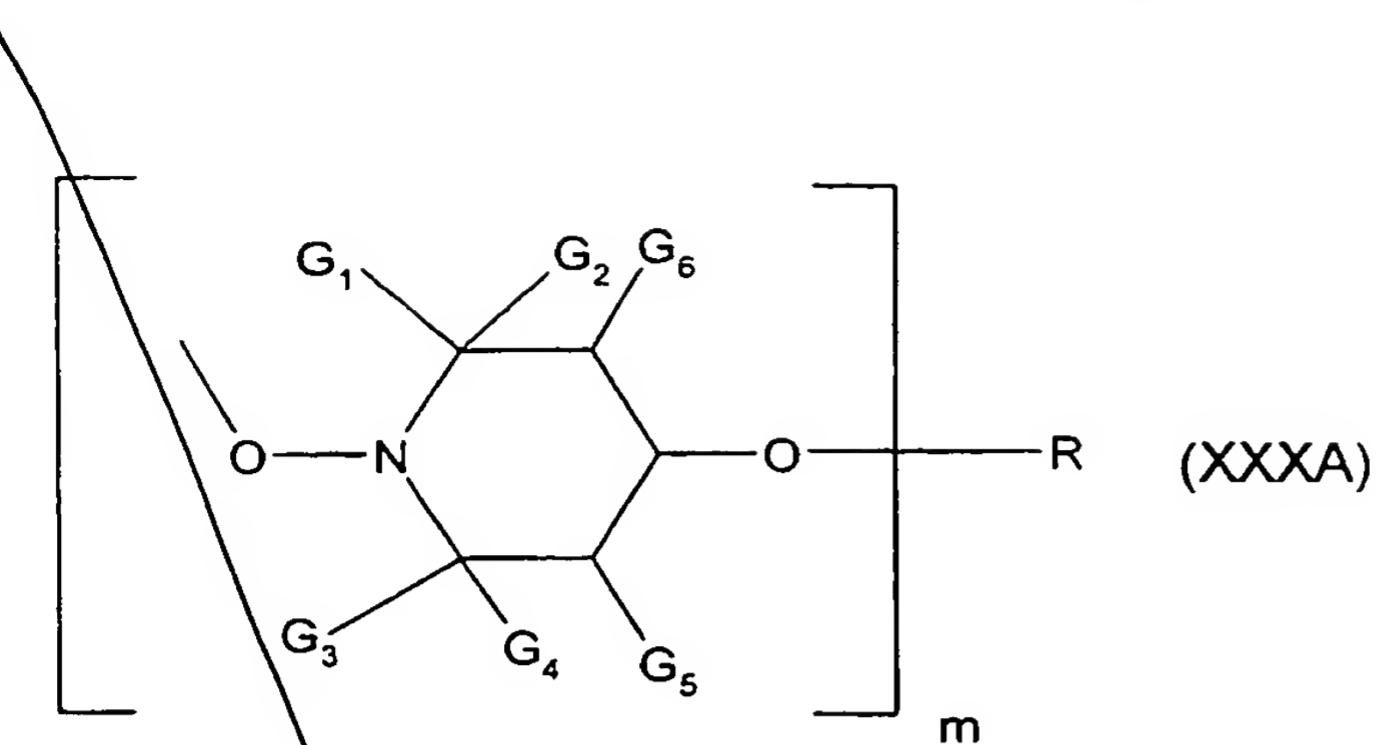
R₂₀₅, *R₂₀₆*, *R₂₀₇* and *R₂₀₈* are independently of each other methyl or ethyl; or

R₂₀₅ and *R₂₀₆* and/or *R₂₀₇* and *R₂₀₈* together with the carbon atom form a C₅-C₆cycloalkyl ring;

R₂₁₁ is formyl, C₂-C₁₈alkylcarbonyl, benzoyl, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, benzyl or phenyl and

R₂₁₂ is OH, C₁-C₁₈alkoxy, benzyloxy, NR₂₂₃R₂₂₄, wherein R₂₂₃ and R₂₂₄ are independently of each other hydrogen or C₁-C₁₈alkyl.

or wherein A is a group of formula (XXXA), (XXXB) or (XXXO)



wherein

G_1 , G_2 , G_3 and G_4 are independently alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or G_1 and G_2 together and G_3 and G_4 together, or G_1 and G_2 together or G_3 and G_4 together are pentamethylene;

G_5 and G_6 are independently hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

m is a number from 1-4;

p is a number from 1-3;

R , if m is 1, is hydrogen, C_1-C_{18} alkyl which is uninterrupted or C_2-C_{18} alkyl which is interrupted by one or more oxygen atoms, cyanoethyl, benzoyl, glycidyl, a monovalent radical of an aliphatic carboxylic acid having 2 to 18 carbon atoms or of a cycloaliphatic carboxylic acid

having 7 to 15 carbon atoms, or an α,β -unsaturated carboxylic acid having 3 to 5 carbon atoms or of an aromatic carboxylic acid having 7 to 15 carbon atoms, where each carboxylic acid can be substituted in the aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic moiety by 1 to 3 $-COOZ_{12}$ groups, in which Z_{12} is H, C_1-C_{20} alkyl, C_3-C_{12} alkenyl, C_5-C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl; or R is a monovalent radical of a carbamic acid or phosphorus-containing acid or a monovalent silyl radical;

R, if m is 2, is C_2-C_{12} alkylene, C_4-C_{12} alkenylene, xylylene, a divalent radical of an aliphatic dicarboxylic acid having 2 to 36 carbon atoms, or a cycloaliphatic or aromatic dicarboxylic acid having 8-14 carbon atoms or of an aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic dicarbamic acid having 8-14 carbon atoms, where each dicarboxylic acid may be substituted in the aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic moiety by one or two $-COOZ_{12}$ groups; or

R is a divalent radical of a phosphorus-containing acid or a divalent silyl radical;

R, if m is 3, is a trivalent radical of an aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic tricarboxylic acid, which may be substituted in the aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic moiety by $-COOZ_{12}$, of an aromatic tricarbamic acid or of a phosphorus-containing acid, or is a trivalent silyl radical,

R, if m is 4, is a tetravalent radical of an aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic tetracarboxylic acid;

p is 1, 2 or 3,

R_{401} is C_1-C_{12} alkyl, C_5-C_7 cycloalkyl, C_7-C_8 aralkyl, C_2-C_{18} alkanoyl, C_3-C_5 alkenoyl or benzoyl; when p is 1,

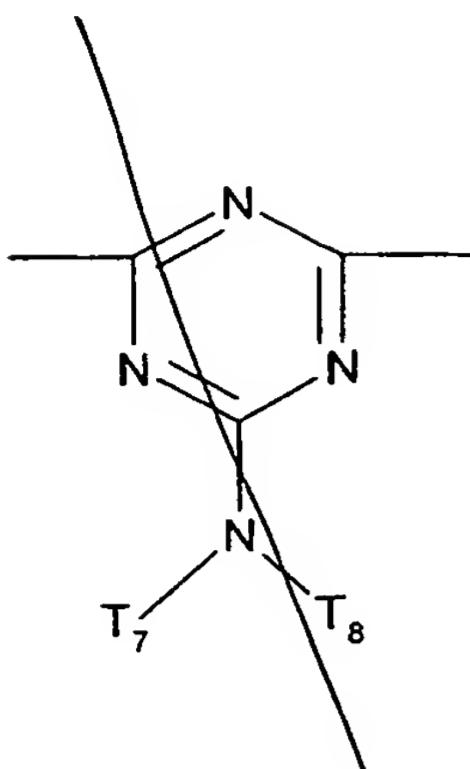
R_{402} is C_1-C_{18} alkyl, C_5-C_7 cycloalkyl, C_2-C_8 alkenyl unsubstituted or substituted by a cyano, carbonyl or carbamide group, or is glycidyl, a group of the formula $-CH_2CH(OH)-Z_4$ or of the formula $-CO-Z_4-$ or $-CONH-Z_4$ wherein Z_4 is hydrogen, methyl or phenyl; or when p is 2,

R_{402} is C_2-C_{12} alkylene, C_6-C_{12} arylene, xylylene, a $-CH_2CH(OH)CH_2-O-B-O-CH_2CH(OH)CH_2-$ group, wherein B is C_2-C_{10} alkylene, C_6-C_{15} arylene or C_6-C_{12} cycloalkylene; or, provided that R_{401} is not alkanoyl, alkenoyl or benzoyl; or

R_{402} is a divalent acyl radical of an aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic dicarboxylic acid or dicarbamic acid, or is the group $-CO-$; or

R_{401} and R_{402} together when p is 1 can be the cyclic acyl radical of an aliphatic or aromatic 1,2- or 1,3-dicarboxylic acid; or

R_{402} is a group



where T_7 and T_8 are independently hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, or T_7 and T_8 together are alkylene of 4 to 6 carbon atoms or 3-oxapentamethylene;

when p is 3,

R_{402} is 2,4,6-triazinyl;

or wherein in formula (XLa) or (XLb)

R_{301} , R_{302} , R_{303} and R_{304} independently of each other are C_1 - C_4 alkyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted by OH, or a group $-O-C(O)-R_{305}$, or R_{301} and R_{302} and/or R_{303} and R_{304} together with the linking carbon atom form a C_5 - C_6 cycloalkyl radical;

R_{305} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl.

R_{306} and R_{307} independently are hydrogen, methyl or ethyl;

Z_1 is O or NR_{308} ;

Q_4 is a direct bond or a divalent radical CH_2 , CH_2CH_2 , $CH_2-CH_2-CH_2$, $C(O)$, $CH_2C(O)$ or $CH_2-CH-CH_3$;

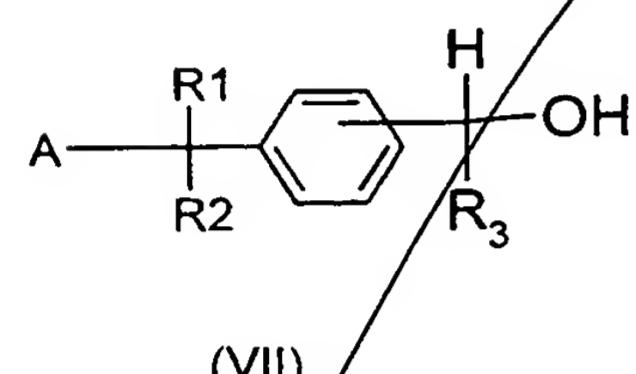
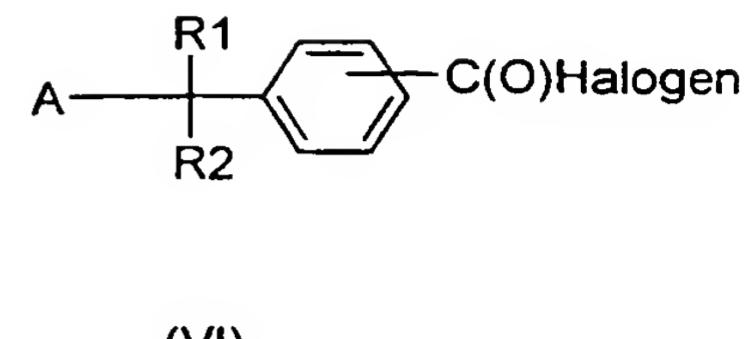
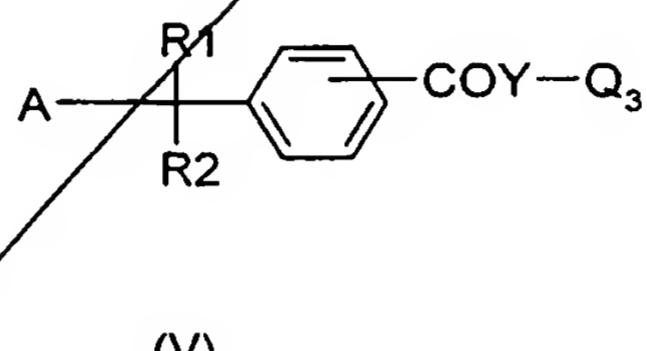
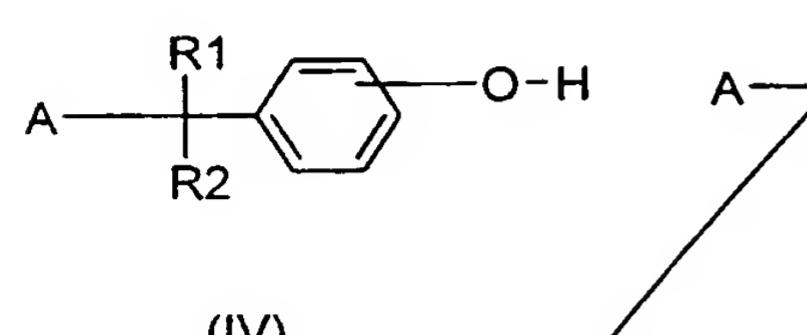
R_{308} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkyl which is substituted by OH, or benzyl.

13. A compound according to claim 11, wherein in formula (XXXA), (XXXB) or (XXXO) G_1 and G_3 are methyl and G_2 and G_4 are ethyl or propyl, or G_1 and G_2 are methyl and G_3 and G_4 are ethyl or propyl.

14. A compound according to claim 11, wherein in formula (XXXA) G_1 and G_3 are methyl and G_2 and G_4 are ethyl or propyl, or G_1 and G_2 are methyl and G_3 and G_4 are ethyl or propyl, one of G_5 and G_6 is hydrogen and the other is methyl or both are hydrogen, m is 1 and R is C_1 - C_{18} alkyl or the monovalent radical of a C_2 - C_{18} carboxylic acid.

15. A compound according to claim 11 wherein in formula (XLa) and (XLb) at least two of R_{301} , R_{302} , R_{303} and R_{304} are ethyl, propyl or butyl and the remaining are methyl.

16. A compound of of formula (IV), (V), (VI) or (VII)



wherein

R₁, R₂, R₃ and A are as defined above;

Y is O, NR₃ or CR₃-R₄;

Q₃ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl; and

R₄ is hydrogen or halogen;

with the proviso, that if in formula (V) Y is CR₃R₄ and R₃, R₄ and Q₃ are hydrogen A is not a η -nitroxyl radical derived from 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-piperidine.

Sub P2
17. A polymerizable composition, comprising

a) at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer or oligomer, and

b) a compound of formula (I), (II), (III), (IV); (V), (VI) or (VII) according to claim 1 or 16.

18. A polymerizable composition according to claim 1, wherein b) is a compound of formula (I), (II) or (III).

19. A polymerizable composition according to claim 17, wherein the ethylenically unsaturated monomer or oligomer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene, propylene, n-butylene, i-butylene, styrene, substituted styrene, conjugated dienes, acrolein, vinyl acetate, vinylpyrrolidone, vinylimidazole, maleic anhydride, (alkyl)acrylic acid anhydrides, (alkyl)acrylic acid salts, (alkyl)acrylic esters, (meth)acrylonitriles, (alkyl)acrylamides, vinyl halides or vinylidene halides.

Sub A3 → 20. A process for preparing an oligomer, a cooligomer, a polymer or a copolymer (block or random) by free radical polymerization of at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer or oligomer, which comprises (co)polymerizing the monomer or monomers/oligomers in the presence of an initiator/regulator compound of formula (I), (II), (III), (IV) or (V) according to claim 1 or 16 under reaction conditions capable of effecting scission of the O-C bond to form two free radicals, the •C radical being capable of initiating polymerization.

21. A process according to claim 20, wherein the scission of the O-C bond is effected by ultrasonic treatment, heating or exposure to electromagnetic radiation, ranging from γ to microwaves.

22. A process according to claim 20, wherein the scission of the O-C bond is effected by heating and takes place at a temperature of between 50°C and 160°C.

23. A process according to claim 20, wherein a cooligomer or copolymer of star, comb or block structure is prepared.

24. A process according to claim 20, wherein the compound of formula (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI) or (VII) is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 30 mol % based on the monomer or monomer mixture.

25. A oligomer, cooligomer, polymer or copolymer prepared by a process according to claim 20.

26. Use of a compound of formula (I) (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI) or (VII) according to claim 1 or 16 for the polymerization of ethylenically unsaturated monomers.

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